

**§ 77-130. Enforcement.**

(a) The following officers have authority to enforce this Article and to inspect a large vessel marina or vessel subject to this Article:

- (1) Wildlife protectors.
- (2) Marine fisheries inspectors.
- (3) Any sworn local law enforcement officer with jurisdiction to enforce the laws in the county or municipality in which the marina or vessel is located.
- (4) United States Coast Guard personnel.

(b) Officers enforcing the provisions of this Article shall report violations to the Department.

(c) Unless provided otherwise by this Article, a civil penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) may be assessed by the Secretary of Environmental Quality against any person who violates this Article. If any action or failure for which a penalty may be assessed under this section is continuous, the Secretary of Environmental Quality may assess a penalty not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per day for so long as the violation continues. (2009-345, s. 1; 2010-180, s. 21(b); 2015-241, s. 14.30(v).)